

'CONTRARY TO STATE POLICY'

State Board Cool To 'Segregation' Transfers

LANSING — The State Board of Education affirmed yesterday that requests for property transfers that create more segregation "will be looked upon as contrary to state policy."

The board resolution came on a request from the Benton Harbor school district where virtually all-white West Fairplain is attempting to transfer to virtually all-white St. Joseph.

In another matter, the board ordered Coloma to pay Benton Harbor \$40,000 for Eaman school buildings and land by June 30 or else Benton Harbor can retain the property. The State board last year transferred most of the former

Eaman district to Coloma and ruled that Coloma should pay \$40,000 for 4.6 acres and two buildings. Coloma has not paid the price and Benton Harbor has continued to use the school although it is surrounded by Coloma school district.

Coloma Supt. William Barrett has criticized the price as too high.

The resolution on transfers and segregation was a re-statement of 1966 board policy. It states the policy is subject to review of the attorney general.

The West Fairplain petition is now at the county Intermediate board level. The Intermediate board last night scheduled a public hearing March 17. The St. Joseph board

of education went on record last month opposing the transfer.

Petitions are being circulated in Sodus township for transfer out of Benton Harbor to Eau Claire school district. This would involve an integrated area going into an integrated district.

Transfer attempts also are being discussed in the Higman Park-North Shore area to leave Benton Harbor and go to St. Joseph.

The 1966 policy as restated by the board yesterday said: "Any requests for property transfers that show evidence of

significantly militating against the integration of a school district and/or move in the direction of greater segregation will be looked up as contrary to state policy subject to the review of the attorney general."

The Benton Harbor district is now 53.8 per cent black — a percentage that would be increased with transfer of West Fairplain.

Benton Harbor Supt. Mark Lewis attended the State board meeting along with board members Thomas Alford and Mrs. Dorothy Blakeslee. Lewis stated the Benton Harbor board's position as opposing fragmentation of the district.



DUCKS GET MORE HELP: Mrs. Winifred Bills, a blind Paw Paw woman who appealed via this newspaper for help in feeding ducks near her home in the wintertime, is getting it. Three men from Tri-County Sportmen's League, Ann Arbor, gave her \$100 this week. League draws members from Washtenaw, Lenawee and Monroe counties, according to members Edwin Armbruster, George Helzerman and Lawrence Stein shown making the presentation to Mrs. Bills. Mrs. Bills, a widow, has also received cash through mail from Southwestern Michigan and has been given at least 500 pounds of shelled corn for the ducks by the Paw Paw Conservation club. The dog in the picture is Mrs. Bills' guide dog Prince. (Staff photo)

Milliken Budget
Asks 1% Boost
In Income Tax

LANSING (AP) — Proposing the lowest state spending hike in five years, Gov. William Milliken outlined today a \$1.97 billion General Fund budget with a 1 per cent income tax increase beginning next Jan. 1.

The proposals, reflecting a cautious optimism over prospects for an improved economy, marked a \$225 million or 12.8 per cent increase over the current fiscal year spending. That compares with an average 19.2 per cent spending increase over the last five years.

Milliken coupled his request for a deferred tax increase with a proposal to restore to individuals the property and city tax credits taken away for the past year. Corporations would not win back such credits.

REVENUE SHARING
He also proposed a new revenue-sharing formula under which cities and villages would get a greater share of state money.

The governor renewed pleas for lawmakers to balance the 1970-71 budget through \$110 million in spending cuts and fund switches. He said his new recommendations "assumed" legislative ratification of his unprecedented call for slashes in the pay hikes proposed for the 47,000 state classified workers by the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

Milliken asked that the proposed 8.1 per cent pay hike be cut to 6.5 per cent.

Milliken's budget proposals, which provide for an \$11.7 million surplus on June 30, 1972, earmark half the total general fund spending, some \$975 million, for kindergarten through college education.

They assume some 75,000 non-public school pupils will swarm

into public schools as a result of the November parochial defeat. The governor also assumes the Michigan Supreme Court, now reviewing questions on state aid to private schools, will not invalidate the election results.

In addition, Milliken proposed an enrollment limitation at the eight major state colleges and universities, a halt to state payment for police and fire services at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University and special attention to community colleges to boost their enrollment.

Milliken called welfare "the fastest growing element in Michigan's budget" and proposed a \$468 million program — up from the \$344 million being appropriated this fiscal year.

Budget Director Glenn S. Allen Jr. said, however, that an additional \$50 million must be earmarked for welfare this year because of the General Motors strike.

HOPE FOR RECOVERY
Milliken said the January effective date for the income tax increase was aimed at promoting recovery from the economic slump engendered by that strike and a soft national economy.

"Any tax increase starting in 1971 would cut employee take-home pay and reduce consumer spending," Allen explained. "A corporate tax increase starting this year would affect job opportunities at a time when corporations are just beginning to recover."

Thus the governor wants a 1 per cent increase in the personal income tax, from 2.5 per cent to 3.6 per cent, to begin Jan. 1, 1972. He called for a 2.2 per cent hike in the corporate income tax, from 5.6 per cent to 7.8 per cent, and a 3 per cent increase in the tax on financial institutions, from 7 per cent to 10 per cent.

Allen said the tax-coupled with a restoration of the property and city income tax credits abolished last year — would mean a \$6 annual reduction in income taxes for a family of four that had a \$5,000 annual income. "That same family, with an \$8,000 income, would pay some \$9.80 a year more. If the income were \$20,000, the increase would total some \$125.84 a year."

Corporations would not, however, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



GOVERNOR MILLIKEN

Learning
Hard Way!

DARTFORD, England (AP) — Dad got mad at his 16-year-old son's string of traffic charges so he drove the boy's car to the local quarry and warmed up a 20-ton bulldozer.

Three minutes later, the old sedan the boy had bought for \$9.60 was a heap of mangled metal. Father, a 55-year-old quarry worker, had bulldozed the car flat and pushed it into the pit.

"It was the best thing I could ever have done," he said.

The story came out Wednesday in Juvenile Court, where the youth was fined \$38.40 for six motoring offenses, including driving while under age. Names were withheld under court rules.



PISTOL PACKIN' NUN: Sister Mary Cornelia, Roman Catholic nun, is also a special officer on the police department in Pontoon Beach, near St. Louis, Mo. She works with young drug offenders but says she will use her gun if she had to. Some teen-agers call her Sister Fuzz. (AP Wirephoto)

'Sister Fuzz'
Is No Slouch
With A Gun

PONTOON BEACH, Ill. (AP) — She carries a .38-caliber revolver, handcuffs and wears a badge. But on her collar is a crucifix and on her head a nun's veil.

uniform and she would use it if she had to.

"If I had to defend myself I would."

She once fired a warning shot when a youthful suspect tried to run away.

"He stopped," she said. "Actually I wouldn't have shot him. I'd catch him some other time."

A native of Wisconsin, Sister Cornelia grew up in Chillicothe, Ohio. During a six-year term of service as a nurse with the Air Force, she learned how to use a revolver and obtained the rank of major. She suffered a leg wound in a combat zone during the Korean War.

Returning to civilian life, she said she did a lot of traveling and eventually decided on the religious life, taking her training at Mother House, Normandy, Mo., a St. Louis suburb.

"If God wants you for some particular thing in life, you do (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Tomorrow nite — T.G.I.F. Carol 4:30-9 p.m. Captain's Table. Adv.

Kard Korner, St. Joe - open Feb. 12 & 13 eves 'til 9. Adv.

'WITHIN LAW', FORD SAYS

Election Gifts Top
Report By \$11,500

By JAMES R. POLK
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford said today that his campaign contributions last fall from stock brokers, an oilman, bankers, doctors and a union group.

Instead, the checks given to Ford were detoured through Republican headquarters here while roughly the same amount — \$12,232 — was being fed back to Ford's district to pay off post-election debts.

Through this two-step procedure, names of the special interest groups were not listed on Ford's sworn campaign report to Congress, although the money flowed through his hands.

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED
The Corrupt Practices Act requires full public disclosure of all campaign contributions received with a candidate's knowledge or consent.

In an interview, Ford defended his procedures in handling campaign checks as being "within the law."

The Michigan congressman said he signed the checks over to the GOP because he had reached his state's legal limit on the money his own campaign committee could handle. He said he had no knowledge of the GOP giving back more than \$12,000 to other Ford committees.

Not listed on Ford's report to

the House were:

—a \$5,000 check from the Securities Industry Campaign Committee. The endorsement on the check shows it was signed over to the GOP headquarters before the post-election payouts began. The \$5,000 donation to Ford was the largest single contribution made by the Wall Street stock brokers' fund.

—a \$2,000 check from the Bankers Political Action Com-

mittee, whose money was refused by nearly half the intended recipients in a controversy over a pending bill on bank regulation.

—a \$3,000 check from John M. Shaheen, head of a New York City oil firm with refineries in Canada, California and Arkansas.

—a \$1,000 check from the po-

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Budget Details
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For complete details on various sections of Gov. Milliken's budget—including education, welfare and natural resources—see pictures and stories on page 18.

Father Arrested On Return
From Switzerland Ski Trip

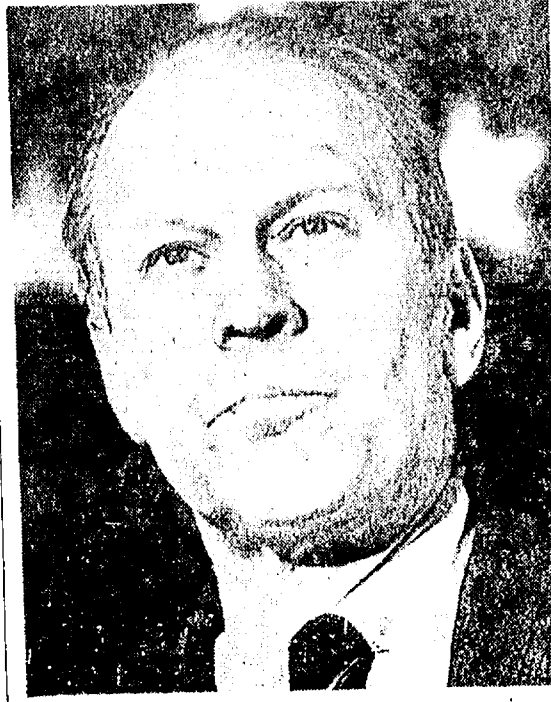
Berrien sheriff's deputies arrested James D. Whitcomb, 31, of 409 Upton drive, St. Joseph, last night on a writ of attachment from Berrien circuit court. The writ claims he is \$5,408.38 in arrears of child support.

The writ authorizing Whitcomb's arrest was signed by Judge Julian Hughes and obtained by Friend of the Court John Schoenhals because Whitcomb allegedly violated a probation to Schoenhals by failing to pay \$45 weekly child support and \$10 weekly on

arrearage for three children of a prior marriage.

Arrest of men who allegedly violate probation is customary, Schoenhals said. Whitcomb, according to sheriff's records, is a truck driver for Valley Concrete, Inc., of Benton Harbor.

Deputy Michael Devine said the arrest was made on Whitcomb's return from a ski trip to Switzerland.



NOT ALL REPORTED: House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan failed to report \$11,500 in campaign contributions last fall. (AP Wirephoto)

OH, THEIR ACHING JAWS!

LANSING (AP) — The speaker of the Michigan House said Wednesday he may ask the chamber's policy committee to reinstate a controversial membership dental insurance plan that had been cancelled only hours earlier.

House Speaker William A. Ryan, D-Detroit, said the action might be sought to challenge

implications of a suit filed by one member against the full, 109-member House and the carriers of the \$30,200-a-year, two-year contract.

Ryan's move, coupled with impromptu remarks and reactions from other legislators, appeared to amount to informal rebuff and censure of Rep. Jim Brown, R-Okemos, who filed for

an injunction Tuesday morning in Ingham County Circuit Court. "I would question the wisdom of any legislator taking a legislative matter to the judicial branch except as a last recourse," Ryan said.

"In my opinion, this was an extremely hasty action. It will be necessary for us to handle this in a manner that will pre-

serve the integrity of the House."

And Rep. J. Robert Taxler, D-Bay City, in a stinging floor speech at the start of the afternoon session, termed Brown's announcement of the suit "a scurrilous statement by a scurrilous legislator."

Ryan said he wished to "com-

plement the house policy committee for having made the difficult decision" to cancel the tax-supported contract under which Delta Dental Plan of Michigan was to have provided as much as \$600 (free treatment annually to representatives, House staff and

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Editorial Page

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Putting Scientists

Aboard Space Ships

When Apollo 14 splashed down in the Pacific Tuesday, it demonstrated that the United States has the capacity to put men on the moon almost routinely. Routinely, that is, except for the cost. Besieged with demands for vast increases in domestic welfare programs, the congress has cut back on funds for space exploration. One result is that when Apollo 17 blasts off from the lunar surface in 1972, moon exploration will cease for at least a decade.

Apollo 15 is scheduled to take off for the moon next July 25. The astronauts aboard that ship will use batterypowered automobiles to travel over wider areas on the moon. Next U.S. vehicle in space after Apollo 15 will be Skylab, a 3-man, earth-orbiting station. Three crews will man the laboratory for periods of up to 56 days in 1972 and 1973. Scientific, engineering and medical experiments will set guidelines for further long-term space stations. After Skylab, there will be a four year gap in U.S. manned space flights.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had hoped to have a 6-2-12 manned station earth orbit by 1975, servicing it with a reusable shuttle craft that would fly between earth and the lab somewhat like an airplane. Budget cuts, however, ended hope of flying the shuttle before 1978. NASA officials fear a long delay will enable the Soviet Union to push ahead of the United States in space exploration.

The military danger, should such a thing happen, is self evident. But there are still other compelling reasons why the United States Congress should not short-change the space program. Already hundreds of developments from space research have been adapted by American industry and have contributed to its efficiency and productivity. A considerable body of medical knowledge has been obtained; and purely scientific discovery has leaped a century or more in the space of only a decade. Moreover, what's wrong with the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake? That pursuit has led to most of mankind's great advances.

There is one wrinkle in America's space flights that may have been unavoidable up to now, but, hopefully, may be ironed out in the near future. Since a great deal of the gain from space exploration had been, and will continue to be, scientific rather

Pranks On War

Prisoners

With so many campaigns under way to alleviate the plight of American servicemen held captive by the North Vietnamese, sooner or later pranks or worse were bound to get into the act. According to Army officials at Ft. Riley, Kans., they have found petitions and letters written in Vietnamese which contain obscene and insulting language.

These documents are popular mediums of protest and have been sponsored by veterans groups, civic associations businessmen and other private individuals. The letters and petitions usually contain a recitation of the poor conditions under which the prisoners are living, and a plea to Hanoi to act more humanely toward the men.

The documents are written in Vietnamese to facilitate understanding in the event they are read when mailed or delivered to the captors. While a large number are genuine, the Army has found some are not.


This is a contemptible act by someone to distort the genuine feeling of compassion those letters represent. Officials at Ft. Riley may be exercising too much caution by advising no one to sign the prisoner statements unless they understand Vietnamese. After all, how many Americans do, but every effort ought to be made to find the perpetrators of this outrage.

A few crackpots should not be permitted to destroy an outpouring of concern as genuine and for as good a cause as this.

The Jordan River rises on the slopes of Mount Hermon, then descends sharply as it flows through the Sea of Galilee before emptying into the Dead Sea, 1,290 feet below sea level. Hydrographic surveys have shown the river could provide power and irrigation for Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel if peace comes to the Middle East, the National Geographic Society says.

Earth, like the planet Jupiter, anoradically emits lowfrequency radio signals which still mystify scientists.

Mirage?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

CREW LEADERS FOR 8 COUNTIES
—1 Year Ago—
Ten tons of supplies, cardboard desks and a minimum of red tape are being assembled together with prospective workers to count the residents in eight Southwestern Michigan counties.

George Lennon, Jr., director, said candidates for the 589 positions as enumerator and the 40 crew leaders have been taking tests to determine fitness for the job that will reach a climax April 1, census day. Organization for the spring count is proceeding without difficulties or "excess red tape," Lennon said.

NEW TROY GIRL AWARD WINNER
—10 Years Ago—
Miss Carol Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Peters, Baroda, has been named the recipient of the 1961 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award at New Troy high school.

Miss Peters competed with other senior girls in a written 60-minute examination on home-making knowledge and attitudes. Having received the highest score, she becomes eligible for the State Homemaker of Tomorrow award.

ADVISE YANKS TO COME HOME
—30 Years Ago—
The Dutch merchant ship Tiltjalegka returned unexpectedly to Manila after sailing earlier in the day for Hongkong and passengers said the vessel turned around because of the presence of Japanese ships in the China sea. They did not make clear whether the Japanese vessels were merchant or naval craft.

Dr. W. Huender, Netherlands

WILLIAM RITT
You're Telling Me!

An even surer sign that the sight of the first robin that Spring is on its way is the news item that the Winnetka, Ill., town board has adopted an ordinance forbidding the use of power lawn mowers before 10 a.m. on Sundays.

A gunman, garbed in crimson-hued coveralls, robbed the Mexborough, England, post office. Stunts like that make any cop see red.

A New Guinea tribe, according to the office atlas, is known as the Kukukukus. Bet they're not crazy about their name.

The man at the next desk says you may call it a paradox, if you will, but the fatter the baseball rookie showing up in spring camp the slimmer will be his chance to slick.

About 98 per cent of all the natural ice in the world is in Antarctica and Greenland — Factograph item. Good — that is where it belongs!

Keeping an eye on congressional doings should be easy. The U.S. Capitol contains a total of 679 windows.

There would be far less traffic problems, points out Mill, the sterling printer, if every driver had as much horse sense as his car has horsepower.

Four out of five of those old cigar store Indians are said to have actually depicted squaws. Ladies' Day at the tobaccoists

counsel general, said he knew why the Dutch vessel had been ordered back to port but declined to make public the reason. Sources considered reliable, however, said the Netherlands East Indies government had given the order.

GETS THE BIRD
—40 Years Ago—
Henley C. Lybrook several days ago shot a handsome specimen of Arctic owl on his farm in Berrien Township.

FIRST EAGLE
—50 Years Ago—
Jack Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Palmer of Main

HENRY CATHCART
Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — In California there are lawyers who can, for a fee, guarantee a young man that he will never have to wear a military uniform.

For those who cannot afford these attorneys, tax financed lawyers, employed by the Office of Economic Opportunity's legal services program, will take draft resister cases for nothing in that state.

During a three-month period last fall federal judges in northern California convicted 16 violators of the draft law, but in every case except one, the sentence was suspended and the offenders were placed on probation.

In Puerto Rico, federal courts have convicted and sentenced only one draft violator out of more than 100 charged with evading the draft. That sentence resulted in one hour in a federal prison.

These disturbing facts are contained in the transcripts of closed-door hearings recently conducted by a special House Armed Forces Subcommittee.

Dr. Curtis Tarr, director of the Selective Service System, testified that draft counseling and draft evasion is "spiraling in a threatening way" in California.

Said Dr. Tarr: "I suspect it won't be very long that to defend ourselves in many of the courts we are going to need staffs, like those available to the regulatory agencies in legal personnel, because there are so many people who no longer consider the obligation to serve their country as something normal and proper."

Subcommittee Chairman F. Edward Hebert, soon to become chairman of the full committee, threatened to take congressional action against a judicial system that refuses to punish convicted draft evaders.

"The subcommittee believes it is unconscionable," he said, "for a court to find a defendant guilty of a willful violation of the draft law — which finding precludes the satisfaction of his military obligation — while at the same time failing to assess a penalty consistent with the violation."

"In view of the apparent lack of judicial objectivity on the part of some federal judges in sentencing violators under the draft law, the committee may wish to consider limiting the latitude judges now find in the law in the range of penalties provided violators of the Selective Service Act."

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me




Col. Francis Duffy describes a cocktail party as "a gathering where you meet a lot of old friends you never saw before." The good Colonel further avers that: 1. A clam digger is a fellow who's mussel bound, and 2. A parking place is a stretch of curb long enough to be occupied by someone else's car.

What I am wondering is where Colonel Duffy finds the time to drill his troops?

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health



A MERCURY thermometer was broken by our 14-year-old boy while his temperature was being taken.

We don't know if all the mercury was spat out. It seems silly but I have been worried about it since the recent reports about mercury poisoning.

Mr. J. H. H. Wisc. Dr. Coleman

Dear Mr. H.: There is no need to be concerned. The amount of mercury in an ordinary thermometer cannot cause any permanent harm.

The greatest danger in situations like this is the possibility of cutting the tongue with the broken glass fragments.

For this reason, it is unwise to use an oral or mouth thermometer with very young children.

Mercury poisoning from fish and cattle is another story, however, and is now recognized as a threat to good health. But public health services and health officials are diligently controlling polluted streams and soil to reduce this hazard.

Twice in the past two years I have suddenly lost my eyelashes. You can imagine how embarrassing this is. I am 16 years old and can't wear artificial eyelashes at school.

What causes this and what can I do about preventing it happening again?

Miss C. P., Md.

Dear Miss P.: An allergic reaction to cosmetics is the most usual cause for the condition you describe.

A number of cases have been reported of sensitivity to nail polish. It may sound strange that an allergic reaction around the eyes could be traced to such a distant cause.

Sometimes a local infection around the base of the hairs may make them fall out.

The temporary loss of eyelashes has been noticed in some people who are under severe emotional stress. All possible causes should be considered to avoid a repetition of this condition.

I am certain that school authorities will give you special consideration if your physician suggests that wellcropped, unobtrusive eyelashes be used until your own grow in.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: There is no need to be enslaved by your own fears.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
AJ 104	Q5	AQ7	A1052
WEST		SOUTH	
K732	642	Q986	KJ96
1083	987	QJ63	5
The bidding:		AKJ10973	
East South West North		642	
Pass 4 Pass 6		K4	

Opening lead — nine of clubs. It is not easy to make six hearts even if you look at all four hands. And it's more difficult, of course, if you have to plot your course without this advantage.

Nevertheless, the proper method of play will land the contract whether or not you see the defenders' cards.

Declarer starts with eleven sure tricks — seven hearts, two clubs and two aces. Stated differently, he has two losers — both diamonds.

By far the simplest way of trying to avoid one of the

diamond losers is to finesse the queen in the hope that West was dealt the king. However, this method of play offers only a 50 per cent shot at the contract — and a competent declarer is always disinclined to settle for merely an even chance without first investigating other means of play that might increase the likelihood of success.

So, without relinquishing the possibility of an eventual diamond finesse, declarer adopts a method of play designed to circumvent the finesse and in that way eliminate the element of luck.

He wins the club lead with the king, plays a club to the ace, and ruffs a club high. It is now only trick three, but South is already 100 per cent certain of making the slam.

A low heart to the queen is followed by another club ruff. Declarer then draws two rounds of trumps and leads his singleton spade towards dummy. After West follows low, South inserts the ten. East wins, but whether he returns a spade or a diamond South has the twelfth trick he is looking for.

If West plays the king on the first spade lead, the outcome is the same. Declarer wins with the ace and returns the jack to force out the queen, and again has twelve tricks.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. Who was the American army engineer who completed the Panama Canal?

2. What is William Harvey famous for?

3. What is the chief obstacle to perpetual motion machines?

4. Who first isolated the tuberculosis bacillus?

5. In the treatment of what disease is insulin used?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1811 the first filibuster took place in the U.S. Senate.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

INSIDIOUS —(in-SID-i-ous) — adjective; intended to entrap or beguile.

YOUR FUTURE

Be careful in all property matters and make an effort to curb expenses. Today's child will be very determined.

BORN TODAY

The city of Milan, Ohio, proudly hosts a stream of visitors who annually tour the home of its most distinguished native, Thomas Alva Edison.

Edison was born in that home in 1847, and lived for seven years before the family moved to Port Huron, Mich., where he spent the remainder of his boyhood.

Edison ranks as one of the world's leading school drop-outs. His formal education was limited to three months, but he received some instruction from his mother.

At the age of 12 he became a

newsboy on the Grand Trunk Western Railway. With a small printing press he published a weekly known as the "Grand Trunk Weekly Herald," doing the printing in a baggage car. He was forced out by the conductor because of a fire caused by some of the experiments he made with his collection of chemicals.

Edison saved the child of a station master from the wheels of an approaching train and his heroic act won him a job in the telegraph office at Stratford Junction, Ont., in 1863.

In a short time, Edison, who read constantly, became a brilliant and rapid operator. Through his studies of electricity and telegraphy and his inventive genius, he rigged up an automatic signaling device which became the forerunner of the familiar messenger call box.

Moving to New York, he gained his first patent on an electrical vote recorder in 1868. It was the first of his 1,033 patents.

From his laboratory in West Orange, N. J., beginning in 1887, Edison poured out inventions which revolutionized the world about him. Among them were the incandescent lamp, the phonograph and the kinetoscopic camera. He went into virtual retirement in 1928 and died three years later in West Orange.

Others born today include Kim Stanley and Mary Quant.

IT'S BEEN SAID

All things can corrupt perverse minds.—Ovid.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. George Washington Goethals.

2. He discovered the fact that blood circulates.

3. Friction.

2. Robert Koch.

5. Diabetes.

BH MAKES DECISION MONDAY

Important Fire, Police Services May Be Cut

EDITOR'S NOTE: The City of Benton Harbor bears a huge burden in public safety — more than \$1 million for police and fire protection. The expense is dictated by a high crime rate and much substandard housing. St. Joseph spends about half as much on its police and fire departments and St. Joseph's tax base is \$81 million — \$14 million more than Benton Harbor's. This article presents some of the services rendered by Benton Harbor police and fire departments and the impact of possible cutbacks.

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

A boy remembered a lesson taught by Benton Harbor firemen who visited his school during Fire Prevention Week: "Plan an escape route in case of fire."

When fire broke out in their apartment, he awoke his brother and two sisters and the children climbed down a trellis to safety from the second floor.

The boy has been recommended for an award by the Hartford Insurance Co., said Fire Chief Harold Gaddie.

It's 12:45 on a snowy night. A Benton Harbor man believes he's having a stroke.

He doesn't call a physician. He doesn't call an ambulance. He calls the police department. A patrolman responds and summons an ambulance. The officer then wakes up a sleeping neighbor in an upstairs apartment to help him look for the man's medical card.

Later, the hospital calls police saying they can find nothing particularly wrong with the man. Police go to the hospital and take him home.

A graduating senior is stranded a mile and a half from the high school just as the commencement program starts. A Benton Harbor policeman gives him a lift and he gets his diploma on time.

These acts by the Benton Harbor police and fire departments don't involve law enforcement or fire fighting in the strictest meaning. They are services because policemen and firemen happen to be on the job.

The City of Benton Harbor is on the brink of financial disaster and may have to cut some services if there are fewer policemen and firemen, says Mayor Wilbert Smith.

These could include answering such complaints as family quarrels, noisy neighbors or nuisances by youngsters that can't quite be called criminal.

"Our crime rate is horrendous," said the mayor. "We could actually use more policemen, but if the tax millage falls we may have to cut 10 to 12 people from each department (police and fire)."

ELECTION MONDAY

City residents will vote Monday on a six-mill tax proposition that will provide pay raises for city employees and keep municipal work forces at current authorized strength. Defeat of the millage could mean layoffs in police and fire ranks because such departments as public works already have been cut to the bone by austerity, said City Manager Don Stewart.

The "horrendous" crime rate is four times the national average according to FBI reports. Chances of being murdered in Benton Harbor are five or six times greater than being killed in a traffic accident. Nationally, traffic is four times as lethal.

Fortunately, homicide was the only major crime category that didn't show an increase last year. It remained stable while burglary jumped 40 per cent to 816 cases, as reported to the FBI. Aggravated assaults rose 27 percent to 195.

Eight classes of crime from auto theft to rape increased 22 per cent to 2,940.

Chances of being arrested in Benton Harbor are pretty good — 2,864 last year for all types of crime. Police also wrote 2,579 traffic tickets and 14,586 parking tickets.

The Benton Harbor police department is authorized for 51

Physician Returns To Twin Cities



DR. ALFRED R. WATTS

Alfred R. Watts, M.D., announced today he has opened his general practice office in the Family Clinic, 2821 South State street, St. Joseph, returning to the Twin Cities after two decades in California.

A native of Benton Harbor, Dr. Watts, 47, took his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Indiana. He graduated from medical school at Marquette university. Following internship at Milwaukee hospital, Milwaukee, he moved to California.

For eight years Dr. Watts was on the medical staff at Queen of Angels hospital in Los Angeles and for six years on the staff of Beverly Community hospital, Montebello, Calif.

After spending 20 years in California, Dr. Watts decided to return to Michigan and his home town area. He said simply: "I missed the Midwest and it's getting too crowded in California."

Dr. Watts had one son who was killed in the armed forces in Viet Nam. Two daughters currently are enrolled at Marquette university.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Watts, Sr., Dr. Watts attended St. John's school in Benton Harbor.

His office telephone is 983-6353 and his temporary residence telephone number is 983-5280.

'Y' Drive Halfway To Goal

The Twin City YMCA membership enrollment for 1971 has hit 50 per cent of its goal, according to Ned Gates membership chairman. He reported 112 new and renewal memberships toward the goal of 225.

Based on a point standing of 200 points for new members and 100 for renewals, Bud Borre's division leads with 4,100 points, followed by J. Gardner Phillips' team with 2,500. Gates is the leading individual producer with 1,000 points followed by Klee Grumbine 600 and Ray Sreboth 500.

BOOSTERS MEET

LAWRENCE — The Tiger Boosters will meet for their regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Feb. 17 in the social science room in the high school.

Man Admits Probation Violation

A 27-year-old Benton Harborite was convicted on his own plea Wednesday on a charge of violating a three-year probation set in 1968 for an assault with a dangerous weapon.

Jerry D. Jackson, of 1020 Buss avenue, pleaded guilty before Judge Chester J. Byrnes of Berrien circuit court to charges of failing to maintain employment and absconding from supervision. The judge ordered his probation revoked and Jackson was jailed for sentencing later.

Jackson also has stood mute in circuit court to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm against a Benton Harbor woman in the city last Dec. 8.

How Wages Compare Between SJ, BH

This chart compares current wages of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph municipal employees:

	STARTING	TOP	YEARS TO TOP
BH Police Patrolman	\$6,552	\$7,956	3½
SJ Police Patrolman	\$8,292.18	\$9,053.20	2
BH Fire Fighter	\$5,240	\$7,566	3½
SJ Fire Fighter	\$7,697.82	\$8,622.38	2
BH Public Works Laborer	\$2.25 hourly	\$2.73 hourly	3½
SJ Public Works Laborer	\$2.74 hourly	\$3.48	Based on merit in 6 steps

sworn personnel. Normal complement of the fire department is 39 men. There are currently five fire vacancies and one pending. These won't be filled unless the millage is approved or a cash windfall hits the city like money from Washington or Lansing.

MORE HARDSHIPS

He noted Lansing has its own financial troubles and in recent years the state seems to be taking more than it is giving. Various property tax exemptions deprive local government of revenue. State requirements for police training and withdrawal of matching funds imposes another financial hardship, Stewart said.

An arbitration panel has ordered the city to raise police men's wages 8 per cent July 1 and another 8 per cent Jan. 1, 1972. This amounts to 12 per cent the next fiscal year. The binding arbitration awards also include city-paid life and health insurance.

The city commission decided to extend these awards to all departments to follow tradition and avoid strikes among employees who haven't had a raise in two years. But the city's broke and pay hikes for all employees are left up to the voters.

in offices in downtown Benton Harbor and on Red Arrow highway near the Benton Harbor fruit market, as well as other branches at Fairplain Plaza and Stevensville.

DIRECTOR RESIGNS
The annual report included the first public announcement that Carl Steinle, retired Soda food processor and marketer, has submitted his resignation as a director of the bank, effective this month. Steinle, long one of the most prominent of Michigan's food industry executives, had been an F. and M. director since 1945.

At present, directors of the bank, in addition to Chairman Keefe and President Willard, are W. J. Banyon, Vere Beckwith, A. Edward Brown, Joseph D'Astino, William C. Gast, Leon P. Gideon, R. L. Gilmore, D. H. Ross and John G. Yerington.

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West Fairplain's Transfer Hearing Set For March 17

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Intermediate school board here last night set March 17 as the date of a public hearing on petitions to transfer a portion of St. Joseph township from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph school district.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Lakeshore high school, probably in the gymnasium.

Intermediate Supt. Doyle Barkmeier told board members petitions from a west Fairplain group were checked for validity, "and for the most part all of them are official and can stand."

An administrative assistant, James Walton, said a check showed 915 valid resident owner

properties listed in the petitions while only 792 were required for the intermediate board to hear the request for transfer.

FILED REQUEST

The petitioners filed their request with Barkmeier on Jan. 19, claiming to bear signatures of more than 85 per cent of the resident property owners in the St. Joseph township section of the Benton Harbor school district.

Petitioners said they seek the transfer because of student safety and "problems in the learning process" in Benton Harbor schools.

By law the intermediate board is required to hold a hearing and deny or approve the transfer on or before March 20, Barkmeier said. Interested parties have 10 days after the

intermediate decision to appeal to the state board of education. 35 ATTEND

About 35 persons, most of them from Fairplain, attended last night's intermediate board meeting.

They broke into applause when Intermediate Trustee Adrian VanGinhoven said a power play appears to be going on at the state board of education and this may lead to dictatorial action at the state level.

Intermediate board activities are "window dressing" and local decisions are meaningless because the real decisions are the state board, he said.

Supt. Barkmeier also reported a committee from the state department of education that earlier called on Benton Harbor school district officials has indicated it will return to meet with residents of the Benton Harbor district.

Barkmeier said he will attempt today to learn the date of their return.

LARGE CROWD

At one point last night, Intermediate Vice Chairman Lawrence Peachey remarked the number of visitors was the largest he recalled for a routine session.

"Wait until next time, Lawrence," quipped one member of the audience, referring to the March 17 hearing.

Also last night the intermediate board named committeemen and heard tales of woe on finances.

Administrative Assistants Walter Wend and Martin Pschigoda said the intermediate general and special education budgets are "breathing hard" after a cut in state aid and a delay to April 15 or later in obtaining local winter taxes.

The intermediate district is strapped for money yet won't get its share, some \$500,000, of local winter tax from the County of Berrien until April 15 or later, although taxes have been under collection since December, Pschigoda said.

The estimated \$600,000 includes about \$500,000 of the \$1,105,000 special education budget for 1970-71 and about \$100,000 of the \$338,000 general education budget.

OBJECTS TO POLICY
Intermediate Trustee Donald Dick objected to the county holding and making money from

intermediate district educational tax dollars.

Also last night the intermediate board:

• Voted to hire one secretary to replace one who has left and learned the data process center has a key punch operator vacancy.

• Reappointed Richard Daugherty and Harold Sauter, and named new members Stanley Macklin and Sam Gravitts to the special education policy advisory committee that assists the intermediate board with special education programs. There are four other members. All are local school district superintendents.

• Nominated Arian VanGinhoven of Sawyer as member and two others, Peter Rudell of Berrien Springs and Mrs. Ilene (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

Re-Hearing Sought In Heiss Case

The Berrien county prosecutor's office has applied for re-hearing with the Michigan Court of Appeals in an attempt to uphold the overturned conviction of a Benton township consulting engineer on a morals charge.

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F&M Bank Reports All-Time High Earnings During 1970

Despite a general business downturn, the year 1970 was one of the best ever in the history of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Benton Harbor.

Earnings reached an all-time high, according to a statement in the bank's annual report signed by J. Ken Keefe, chairman of the board, and Richard E. Willard, president.

Net operating profits of \$559,559 represented \$3.73 per share, compared with \$2.98 per share earned in 1969.

Year-end deposits were up 6.7 per cent from 1969: from \$51,809,693 to \$55,262,205. Dividends paid per share were \$1.20 in 1970, up 20 per cent from the \$1 paid in 1969.

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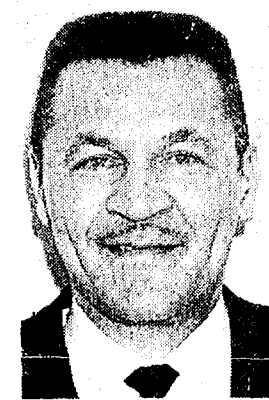
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Assistant Chairman Announced



ROY SHOEMAKER

Roy Shoemaker has been named assistant general chairman of the 1971 United Community Fund campaign.

The appointment of Shoemaker to the campaign's second highest volunteer position was announced today by Stewart (Jack) Trefry, UCF campaign chairman.

Trefry filled the assistant campaign chairman's post last year before moving up to the general chairman's position for the 1971 drive.

VETERAN WORKER

Shoemaker, credit service manager for Heath Co., is an experienced United Fund campaign volunteer. In 1970, he was group co-chairman for the giant Industrial division and also served as co-chairman of the division in the 1968 and 1969 campaigns.

He also is a member of the UCF board of directors and is a former member of the United Fund budget committee. Shoemaker also serves on the board of the Berrien County Red Cross, a United Fund agency.

Shoemaker is a native of Benton Harbor. He was graduated from Benton Harbor high school and Lake Michigan college, where he received the LMC Citizenship Award.

A veteran of two years of service with the U.S. Army in Korea, Shoemaker worked for Whirlpool Corp. for 9½ years before joining Heath in 1957. He previously was credit manager and was named to his present position of credit service manager in 1970.

In addition to his volunteer work with the United Fund, Shoemaker is third vice-president of the Benton Harbor Lions Club and formerly was a member of the educational advisory committee of Benton Harbor High School. He is a member of the Bishop's committee and choir at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and is a recipient

of the Bishop's Service Cross.

Shoemaker and his wife, Esther, have three children. The family lives at 581 Empire avenue, Benton Harbor.

MEETING TONIGHT
The appointment of Shoemaker comes as UCF volunteers await tonight's United Fund annual membership meeting. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Benton Harbor. Main speaker is Chester J. Byrnes, presiding judge of the Berrien County Circuit Court.

Trefry said that other key UCF volunteer leaders for the 1971 appeal will be announced soon.

OFFERED FREE

Directory Published By Lincoln Township

Detailed information on Lincoln township departments, officers and services are available to the public in a newly printed township directory.

It is available free of charge at the township hall on St. Joseph avenue, according to Mrs. Bernice Tretheway, clerk.

Information is included on the library, sanitary landfill, planning commission, parks and beaches, board of appeals, board of review, ambulance service, cemetery, taxes, dog licenses, fire and police departments, voter registration information and a list of township officers.

Deadline Set To Register For Tax Vote

Residents of the Lakeshore school district have until Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. to register for the school's March 29 millage election.

Lincoln township residents can register at the township hall, Monday through Friday afternoons.

No millage figure has been set at this date by the board of education. Six operating mills have expired in the district.

Blossomtime Festival Gets Strong Support

By BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

"Blossomtime '71" showed its strength last night as about 200 people attended the area queens chairman dinner to help launch the nearly-canceled spring event.

At the after-dinner meeting in Benton Harbor's Ramada Inn, James Barricklow, co-chairman of the Central Queens committee of Blossomtime Inc., said: "We have the backing of the southwestern Michigan area and we will put on one hell of a show."

"We came close to not having a festival this year when the board of directors canceled the event, but enough interested individuals raised funds to give us the encouragement to continue with 1971 activities."

Barricklow reported that 28 communities have given firm commitments to enter the festival contest and that at least two more are considering entrance. Thirty communities participated last year.

Robert Braamse, last year's president and central queens committee co-chairman this

year, said: "It is a thrill to be back and involved after feeling a month ago we might not have a contest."

"SHOWS STRENGTH"

"The public really came forward to support us and this shows the strength of people acting together."

Braamse gave credit to local businessmen, the agricultural industry and many individuals for helping to revive Blossomtime.

Barricklow and Braamse urged area committee members to continue promoting Blossom-

time stock in their communities.

Barricklow said: "Soliciting stockholders for the \$50 stock program is almost a must this year to make up or defray the losses of communities unable to support us."

Mrs. Maynard Johnson, Central Queens committee co-chairman, announced the final Miss Blossomtime contest will be April 19 in the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

SCHEDULE SET

Mrs. Johnson said the area queens will arrive at the Ramada Inn at 8:45 the morning of April 19. They will spend the remainder of the day at a luncheon, in dress rehearsal and conclude with the evening contest. Judging will occur from the luncheon through the evening contest.

Mrs. Johnson reported that the committee has decided on a change of dress this year. The queens will not be allowed to wear hats or gloves during interviews, luncheons or tours.

She said that Orin Samuelson of WGN radio will be master of ceremonies of the final contest for the eighth consecutive year. The absolute deadline for a community to enter a queen will be April 13, she added.

Mrs. Marjorie Winters will again be in charge of the Blossomtime fashion show along with the Grand Floral ball.

Mrs. Winters said the theme for the fashion show this year will be "Blossomtime Spectacular." The fashions will be modeled by the queens and also by members of the fashion show committee.

"This will give us both an adult and teenage fashion show," Mrs. Winters explained. **THEME IS SET**

Braamse said that the theme for floats this year is "Moments to Remember" and that communities will be allowed one theme per float.

Braamse also reported that Oldsmobile convertibles will not be available for the queens due to an earlier strike and because "the cars are just not available."

Major events for 'Blossomtime '71' include: the Great Lakes hospital visit, April 27; the Key to the Cities tour, May 4-7; fashion show, May 5; proposed teenage dance, May 7; Blossomtime parade and Grand Floral ball, May 8.

The dates announced for local queen contests are: March 6, Dowagiac; March 12, Benton Harbor; March 19, St. Joseph; March 20, Sawyer and Coloma; March 22, Bridgman; March 27, Bloomingdale, Buchanan, Eau Claire, Hartford, Lawrence, Mattawan and New Buffalo; March 30, Watervliet; April 2, Niles; April 3, Bangor, Berrien Springs, Cassopolis, Decatur, Edwardsburg, Galien, Lawton, South Haven, and Stevensville; April 5, Sodus.

No firm date has been received from Covert, Baroda or Gobles.

Deeds Office More Than Pays Way

PAW PAW — Van Buren Register of Deeds Frank Blaney has informed county commissioners here that his office has turned over to the county more than \$18,000 in fees collected in 1970.

Blaney, in making his annual report to the commissioners, said fees collected in 1970 amounted to \$38,152 while expenditures in his department amounted to \$22,107.

"There are not many other county departments that will make you that much in a year," Blaney jokingly admonished the commissioners.

Credit Union Moves To New Location

HARTFORD — The Fruit Belt Credit union has moved its office to the Olds Building, 9 West Main street.

The move was made from the second floor of the Van Buren State Bank building and was due to expanding business and easier accessibility for its depositors, a spokesman said.

New hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, from 1 to 6 p.m.



ASSESSOR'S SCHOOL: Van Buren township and municipal assessors went back to classes Wednesday in preparation for state-required testing in assessing. Among the 30 persons at the first session were, from left, Kenneth Judd of Lawrence; Gene Kays; Richard Bus of South Haven; Ray Camp;

Eddie Smith; and Royal Haefner. Kays is county equalization director; Camp is a field agent with the state tax commission; Smith is county treasurer; and Haefner is manager of the county's tax description office. (Staff photo)

IN TAX LAWS

Assessors Start Course

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

LAWRENCE — Wednesday was the first day of school here for township and municipal assessors who are beginning a refresher course in tax laws.

"You can tell there is plenty of enthusiasm," said Gene Kays, Van Buren county's equalization director.

Kays and his department are coordinating the once-a-week classes that are scheduled to conclude March 31, after which the assessors will take a state-required test for certification as basic assessors.

About 30 persons attended the Wednesday afternoon session which was held, as will the others, at the intermediate school district here.

At the beginning of the session, Kays told the assessors that they must be certified by Dec. 31, and that "it doesn't look like we're going to get help from anyone so we will have to teach ourselves."

Later, Kays said that the assessors generally know the

fundamentals of assessing property, but could well be falling behind tax laws which constantly change.

In the end, Kays said, everyone should benefit from the school.

MORE UNIFORMITY

The assessors will have their certification and county taxpayers will probably see more uniformity of assessing rates. "Uniformity is what we are striving for," Kays told the assessors.

He said the state tax commission and the public, throughout the state, has been "critical" of the lack of uniformity in assessing.

Kays said the school is sponsored by township and municipal assessors in the county in cooperation with the county board of commissioners and the equalization department.

He said the school has the cooperation of the state assessor's board and the state tax commission in the form of instructors and materials to be presented.

Poor People Asked To Help Tri-CAP

Over 100 poor people were told last night at a special meeting that everything possible should be done to keep Tri-CAP operating locally as it is now organized.

Mrs. Georgia Bailey, director of the agency's Neighborhood Service system, said reports were presented by three directors of Tri-CAP representing Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Reports were given by

Shannon Madison, Mrs. Octavia Hawkins and Paul Cohen.

SIX POINTS

In brief, six points were discussed at the meeting called by Mrs. Bailey. They were as follows:

1. Keep Tri-CAP alive as it is organized now.

2. Commended Mrs. Helen Ford, director of Tri-CAP, for her work in reorganizing and

her sound leadership of Tri-CAP.

3. Urged all poor people to write their senators and representatives in support of Tri-CAP.

4. That a bus be hired to transport poor people to Washington, D. C., in an effort to show support for Tri-CAP.

5. The regional office of OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) has been remiss in not having qualified monitors sent to the local agency of Tri-CAP to assist it with its problems.

6. The three-county advisory board should stay intact even if Tri-CAP is not refunded.

Mrs. Bailey said she would like to thank the many people who came out in support of Tri-CAP, along with area merchants who donated food for a potluck supper held prior to the meeting. The meeting was held at 720 East Main street, Benton Harbor and took the place of the county advisory meetings regularly scheduled for Wednesday night.

Virgil May chaired the meeting and Mrs. Betty Clemons acted as hostess for the potluck supper.

A group of young singers ranging in age from 6 to 13, the Dusen Memorial choir, entertained.

Physician Comes To Dowagiac

DOWAGIAC — Dr. M.S. Zaman, a native of Pakistan, has opened offices in the medical center at 515 Main street.

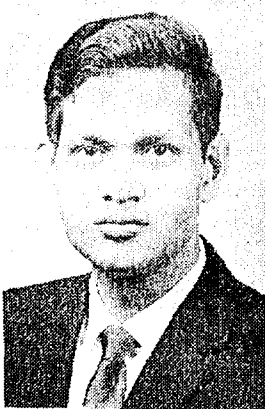
He specializes in general surgery.

Dr. Zaman has had two years of surgery practice at the University of Western Ontario in Canada and one year in a Cleveland, Ohio hospital.

He received his degree in medicine when he was 21 years old and served a year of internship at Pakistan before coming to this country to study. He interned in Chicago, Ill., at Swedish Covenant hospital and was in general practice at Good Samaritan hospital in Pottsville, Pa. A three year residency was taken at Saginaw General hospital in Saginaw.

Dr. Zaman and his wife, Brenda, and two children reside at 305 Sunnyside, Dowagiac. His wife is a registered nurse. Her hometown is Midland, Michigan.

A reception for the doctor and his family was held recently at Lee Memorial hospital where Dr. Zaman is on staff and will be assisting in the emergency room.



DR. M. S. ZAMAN

TREE SALES

Lakeshore FFA Gives \$134 To Maple Grove

Co-chairmen Gary Hora and Pete Vergot were scheduled to turn over a check for \$134 from the Lakeshore chapter of the Future Farmers of America to the Maple Grove Center for young adults.

The FFA chapter raised the money selling Christmas trees. In the past three years the club has used the profits from the Christmas tree sale for a special club project and donated funds to the Berrien County Cancer Society and to the Charles Hill fund. Hill, a Vietnam veteran who lost his legs in war action, was a member of the FFA when he was in Lakeshore High school.

Bob Getz is president of the 60-man Lakeshore chapter.

Paw Paw Lake Sewage Project Is Re-Rated

COLOMA — Consulting engineers for the \$11 million Paw Paw Lake area sewage treatment system reported last night that the project has been re-rated for grant qualification purposes by the state.

The changes, however, are not likely to affect the construction schedule.

According to a letter received by the planning commission overseeing development of the project, the ratings for aid on

the sewer line phase in the townships of Watervliet and Coloma were 24 and 25 on the qualification list, up over a previous rating.

SHARP DROP

The rating on the sewage plant phase of the project was 154 out of 242, a sharp drop from last year's position on the list. The rating had been 64th.

The firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, in its letter, indicated that it did not believe the drop would affect possibilities of receiving state and federal grant aid monies this year.

According to the firm, other projects on the list were apt to be withdrawn or postponed this year, clearing the way for the local project.

The Paw Paw project expects to receive about \$6 million in state and federal grants to help pay for the system which will serve the cities of Watervliet and Coloma as well as the two townships.

Funds were slated to be received in 1970, but were cancelled because the project had not proceeded far enough to warrant payment.

The ratings are contained on a list prepared by the state Water Resources Commission for submission to the state legislature by March 15 for approval.

Carl Baldwin, an engineer on the project, assured the commission that plans for the project will be done by June 30.

Baldwin said bids for the work should be sought then, if grant monies have been approved through the state. He also said plans for the treatment plant are to be submitted to county agencies within 10 days for consideration.

SOIL TESTS

In other areas, the commission approved a request from Baldwin for additional soil boring tests at the proposed

plant site. The tests were needed, he said, to determine reports of poor soil. Cost is to amount to \$500.

Attorney F. A. (Mike) Jones reported condemnation proceedings in court against property owners along the sewer line easement plan were slated for May 4 and May 11.

The board agreed to ask owners of the proposed site for the \$4 million sewage plant to extend an option on the property for 90 days.

The board also agreed to meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Whirlpool Credit Union Meeting Set

Twenty second annual meeting of the Whirlpool Credit Union will be 7 p.m. Saturday at Ramada Inn, M-139 and I-94 with 400 members expected.

Members will hear a report from the board of directors, the treasurer's report on the fiscal condition of the credit union and reports of various committees.

During the general business meeting officers will be elected. Last year the credit union paid a five per cent dividend and a 20 per cent refund to borrowing members which amounted to \$437,450 returned to members.

Officers of the credit union are John Conrad, president; Don Steinke, vice president; Erv Hoehne, treasurer; Betty Grigerell, secretary and Anton Ball, Lloy Coleman, Harvey Totzke, John Steinke and William Marohn, directors.

HUNTING CHARGE

Judge Adjourns Trial Of Pottawatomie Indian

ALLEGAN — The trial of C. Willard Bush, 47, Pottawatomie Indian charged with hunting deer without a license, was adjourned Wednesday by Judge Elizabeth Ramsey, 57th district court, here.

Bush was arrested Nov. 13, opening day of deer season, on his farm near Shelbyville, northeast Allegan county.

Bush contends that treaties of 1795 and 1821 give the Pottawatomie the right to hunt without a license on any lands that they had ceded to the government, as long as the land remained in the government's possession.

The adjournment was granted after both the defense and prosecution had asked for additional time in which to research points of law concerning the case.

Bush was found guilty of the same charge in 1954 and paid a \$10 fine and \$7.80 costs.

Lincoln Statue On Exhibit

DECATUR — A focal point of Webster Memorial library's February holidays display is a 30-inch statue of Abraham Lincoln - a copy of a work by American sculptor Leonard Wells Volk.

The sculpture depicts Lincoln, scroll in hand, presenting the Emancipation Proclamation.

The statue was found in the basement of the county library.

Former librarian of the Decatur public library, Mrs. R. V. Swihart, said the statue came to the library while it was still located in the village hall. But, she does not remember why, or from whom.

The library staff discovered the statue in a basement storeroom, refurbished it, and gave it a new coat of enamel.

As are all Van Buren county officers, the county library and its branches will be closed Friday through Monday in observance of the holidays, reopening at 10 a.m. Feb. 16.